

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Molotov Bait

THERE seems to be an impression in some quarters that the Soviet Government is preparing to revise the "European Security" proposals which Mr Molotov tabled at the Berlin conference; to recast it, or allow it to be recast into a form which could be accepted by the Western powers. That impression, it would seem, is drawn from a single passage in a speech made by the Soviet Foreign Minister during the recent Soviet election campaign. But it is as well to have the record straight. What Mr Molotov did was to refer to some of the objections which had been made to his plan when he produced it in Berlin. One of them, in his words, was that it "was undesirable that the United States should find herself outside of the European Collective Security Treaty." On that his comment was that no one in Berlin put any obstacle in the way of examining appropriate amendments to the Soviet project. Another objection at the time was that the proposed treaty would give the Soviet Union an undesirable advantage in view of its known strength compared with the European countries. On that his comment was that Russia did not pretend to any special position in the system of European collective security. Nothing could be more non-committal than the first comment; nothing could be more irrelevant than the second. But the real meaning of the Molotov plan is that it would put the European Defence Community treaty into cold storage, or rather scrap it altogether, since Mr Molotov has been emphatic that his plan and EDC are quite incompatible.

PERHAPS not unnaturally this has in some minds prompted the question whether it would not be worth while to abandon the EDC if that would make possible the reaching of an agreement with the Soviet Union which would really guarantee the security of Europe and avert all danger of a new war. But is there, in fact, the slightest possibility that the Molotov plan, even with amendments of detail, could provide any genuine assurance of security for the free nations of Europe? What transpired at the Berlin conference supplies the answer. For one thing Mr Molotov left no doubt in any mind that the one indispensable feature (indeed one of the prime purposes) of the plan would be liquidation of the whole NATO security organisation. The Molotov plan and NATO are incompatible. But Article 7 of his "basic principles" lays it down that no European State could "participate in any coalition or alliance the objectives of which are contrary to the purposes of the treaty." And he lost no opportunity in making it plain that the Soviet Government regards NATO as just such an alliance. In short, the Western European States were asked to scrap all their existing defensive organisations and to renounce association with America. It seems clear that what was in Mr Molotov's mind when last week he spoke of the possibility of a detailed discussion of his plan was simply the hope that this inducement would succeed in delaying still further completion of the West European security system. Britain's answer has been immediate and unmistakable: she has announced initiation of new discussions with the Western European powers to discover how she can play a more positive role in the European Defence Community.

An Atomic Suit



Many an envious eye would be cast by space-suit crazed youngsters at this latest atomic attire now in vogue at the huge plutonium producing plant operated for the US Atomic Energy Commission at Richland, Washington. Plastic and balloon-like the suit provides a protective barrier against radiation in "hot" areas and permits a man to determine extent of contamination and do clean-up and maintenance work in such areas.—London Express.

McCarthy's Lie Detector Proposal Described As "Poppycock"

Washington, Mar. 22. Senator Charles Potter (Republican, Michigan) today denounced as a "lot of poppycock" Senator Joseph McCarthy's proposal that all witnesses in his bitter row with the Army submit to lie detector tests.

Senator Potter, a member of Senator McCarthy's sub-committee, said use of the lie detector would turn the group's investigation of the charges and counter-charges swapped by Senator McCarthy and the Army Secretary, Mr Robert Stevens, into a "three-ring circus".

Senator Potter predicted on the Mutual Broadcasting System's Reporters' Round-Up radio show that Senator McCarthy's standing in the Senate and throughout the country "will rise or fall quite a bit as a result of this investigation" into Senator McCarthy's feud with the Army.

He said Senator McCarthy actually was not on trial but "as far as the public is concerned, he is the main issue." The sub-committee will hold a secret meeting tomorrow to "lay the groundwork" for its investigation into the Army's charges.

These charges are that Senator McCarthy and Roy Cohn, sub-committee counsel, tried to use pressure on the Army to give preferential treatment to Private David Schine, a former McCarthy aide, who was drafted last November.

REPEAL OF UN TRADE BOYCOTT URGED BY SOCIALISTS

Restoration Of Trade With Red China

DEBATE IN COMMONS

London, Mar. 22. Mr Harold Wilson, a former Labour minister, today urged the Government to "repeal the United Nations boycott on trade with China," which he said was long overdue.

He proposed this and the easing of restrictions on trade with Russia and other East European countries in opening a House of Commons debate on East-West trade.

He said the Government was in danger — "through fear of incurring the wrath of one or two rather discredited demagogues in the United States Senate" — of being kept in a "strait laced atmosphere" while American businessmen were moving in on the Chinese market.

The opposition, which chose the subject for today's debate, welcomed the Government's "belated and faltering" moves as far as they went, he said.

But it feared employment in Britain would be sacrificed to "phony political considerations."

He added: "We fear British industry will be sacrificed, to the labour and blockade mentality of those people in the United States and elsewhere who tend to think of the whole world problem only in terms of a crusade against Communism."

Mr Wilson said that a substantial relaxation of strategic control on trade with Russia would "undoubtedly be beneficial."

Mr Wilson said some of the strategic controls now in force had long ago been seen to be nonsense.

He suggested three points for the Government to consider:

1. A new attitude to strategic control, dividing rather than unifying the West.
2. There should be ministerial discussions with Russia for a trade agreement to continue the 1947 agreement.
3. Repeal of the United Nations boycott of trade with China.

Mr Wilson said the Prime Minister had excluded China from proposals to ease restrictions. He commented: "I think it is time to put trade with China on the same basis in terms of strategic restrictions as trade with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe."

PROPOSALS PROMISED
Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, said the visit of a group of British businessmen to Russia recently had resulted in the Board of Trade being notified of about £12,500,000 of firm Russian orders. The Board had so far approved about £6,500,000 worth of them.

It had also approved the export of 20 trawlers valued at £20 million to Russia and £1,250,000 worth of textile machinery.

Mr Thorneycroft said British policy could not be dictated by any short-term commercial advantage. The Defence Ministers had to be consulted.

But the Government's policy was that a substantial relaxation of strategic controls would be beneficial and the Government was putting forward detailed proposals.

French India Referendum Possible

Paris, Mar. 22.

Well-informed circles said tonight the French Government had decided to inform the Indian Government of its position on the four French territories in India "and may indicate it is prepared to agree to a referendum provided certain economic restrictions are lifted."

These circles said that the decision was reached at an inter-ministerial meeting presided over by Premier Joseph Laniel and that the Ministry for Overseas Territories would shortly send its Inspector-General on a fact-finding tour of the territories.

Earlier today an Indian Government note delivered to the French Ambassador in New Delhi had demanded that the French Government take steps to end the "intimidation" of the population of the French settlements at Pondicherry—France-Press.

PORTUGUESE ATTITUDE

Lisbon, Mar. 22.

The Portuguese National Assembly tonight unanimously voted a motion approving the Government's policy "to defend the sovereignty and inalienable rights of Portugal in the territories of Goa, Daman and Diu (Portuguese India)."

The Indian Government has been urging incorporation of these territories in the Indian Republic.

The motion, voted unanimously by the 77 members on the House, said that having taken account of the Indian Government's attitude regarding Portuguese interests, the House had decided to approve the government policy for the defence of its sovereignty and does not agree that by reason of this sovereignty negotiations should be started which might lead to a better in possibility of striking at rights which constitute the life of the nation.

He added: "We believe it possible to consider an entire abolition of strategic controls on trade with a relaxation of particular rules and an abandonment of trade in them."

US Army Officers To Sign New Loyalty Certificates

Washington, Mar. 22. The United States Army announced today it had ordered all officers to sign new loyalty certificates.

It had also introduced a new system by which officials are to be notified of any officers who refuse to answer loyalty questions.

The new order, signed by General Matthew Ridgway, Army Chief of Staff, was issued on March 11. It appears to be a concession to Senator Joseph McCarthy.

The order forbids the promotion, decoration, commendation, reassignment, separation or ordering to active duty of any person who has failed to complete the loyalty certificates pending higher Army consideration.—Reuter.

Nearly Ready For Oil Negotiations

London, Mar. 22. Eight international oil companies were tonight reported near agreement on conditions for producing and marketing Iranian oil.

Top executives of the big firms met through the weekend and "smoothed out" most of the problems which for two weeks have held up formations of a negotiating mission to Teheran.

"The talks are fairly near finality," a source close to the talks told the United Press. He indicated that all the major problems plaguing the talks had been dealt with.

The oilmen have not yet set up the mission to talk with the Iranian government, this source indicated. Before talks started a fortnight ago, US and British diplomatic sources had expressed "hope" that the mission would be in Teheran before the start of the Iranian New Year last Sunday.

Throughout the protracted talks, oil officials insisted the mission would be a negotiating one and would not be sent out with a "take it or leave it" proposal for the financially hard-up Iranian government.

UNKNOWN FACTOR
The reported agreement among the companies focuses attention on the one big unknown factor: the attitude of the Iranian government. Lack of knowledge of the conditions Iran will allow the proposed international consortium to operate under were considered here a major factor in drawing out the oil talks.

The government of General Fazlollah Zahedi has steadfastly maintained its willingness to co-operate with the oil companies but has not been much more specific.

In a broadcast yesterday, Zahedi told the Iranian people they had to accept foreign technicians during the coming year for the country's sake. At the same time, the Iranian government has acknowledged the nationalistic fervour of the Iranian people by maintaining its independence of "foreign domination" and confirming nationalisation of the country's vast oil industry.—United Press.

May Recognise Peking Govt

Windsor, Ontario, Mar. 22.

Mr Lester Pearson, Canadian External Affairs Minister, said today that Canada might consider following Britain's lead in recognising the Peking regime if the Communists were willing to give assurances that their Korean aggression was a thing of the past.

He added that the Communists should also show they were ready to take an honest line in international affairs.

Commenting on a suggestion that recognition of the Peking regime would be Canada's only "realistic" course of action, he said: "Realistic doesn't mean there will be no more red China."

Kenya Situation

Optimistic Report By Lyttelton

London, Mar. 22.

The British Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, reporting to the House of Commons on his recent visit to Kenya, said today that "the general feeling of the militant part of Mau Mau in several areas, but not all, is that nothing is to be gained by continuing the struggle."

Mr Lyttelton said that the security force had passed into the offensive role. The example shown by the British troops in all areas had greatly improved the feelings of the population towards Britain, he declared.

He said that the present administration in Kenya does not meet the political realities of today. It was desirable that those living in Kenya should begin to take a greater share in executive government, necessitating a multi-racial foundation to that government.

OBJECTS ACHIEVED

The main lines of the scheme set out in the recent White Paper on Kenya represented the "largest common factor" for agreement, which was practicable, and so it had proved to be, he said.

Mr Lyttelton declared that the proposals had achieved three objects. First to bring the government and thus close the ranks in the struggle against Mau Mau. Second, to ensure that the government had a multi-racial foundation. Third, to set up the War Council.

"They do not end during these convulsions; they cannot satisfy all the aspirations of any racial group; but even in these times they show that the moderate elements in all races predominate," Mr Lyttelton concluded.—France-Press.

GUN BATTLE

Nairobi, Mar. 22.

A "wanted" Kikuyu shot dead a tribal policeman and wounded a loyal Kikuyu headman before he himself was killed in a gun battle in the Bahiti location of Nairobi today.

He was recognised when a patrol began checking passes. He drew a pistol and started firing.—Reuter.

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FRENCH-U.S. TALKS ON INDO-CHINA

"Request For More Bombers Would Be Considered"

Washington, Mar. 22.—The Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs-of-Staff, Admiral Arthur Radford, said today if France asked for more B-26 bombers for Indo-China their request would certainly be considered.

Admiral Radford and French General Paul Ely were talking to the Press after a 30-minute session they had with President Dwight Eisenhower at the White House.

General Ely said he had not come to Washington to discuss in detail the programme of American aid to Indo-China but to have an exchange of views on the Indo-Chinese question with Admiral Radford. He pointed out he had not brought any experts with him.

General Ely was confident that the battle for Dien Bien Phu, although extremely hard fought, would have a favourable outcome. He claimed that so far heavy casualties had been inflicted on the Vietminh in the battle. The rebels, he said, were trying to score a success before the Geneva Conference.

Admiral Radford expressed confidence in the outcome of fighting in Indo-China, saying he had always thought the French would win the war with American help. Referring to the sending of extra B-26 bombers to Indo-China Admiral Radford said that would involve sending more American ground troops to service them.

The Admiral pointed out that the 200 American technicians

already in Indo-China were due back by June. The French, he said, would then be capable of replacing them.—France-Press.

BOOMERANG

Washington, Mar. 22.—Communist efforts to exploit the Indo-Chinese battle of Dien Bien Phu for political rather than military purposes may boomerang and result in strengthening the French position at the Geneva Far Eastern conference next month, it was learned today.

After a talk with President Eisenhower General Paul Ely, the French Chief-of-Staff, frankly described the acceptance of heavy losses by the Communist Vietminh forces in the battle as being due to their desire to claim a success prior to discussions of an Indo-Chinese peace at Geneva between the Big Four, Communist China and other interested nations.

Danger Of War Has Lessened Says Tito

Hamburg, Mar. 22.—The Berlin four-Power conference ended international tension in Europe and showed that world problems could be solved by negotiations, Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia said in an interview broadcast today by the North West German radio.

Marshal Tito said the danger of war had lessened and neither East nor West wanted war. Asked for his views on the Geneva conference on Asian problems, he said it must be regarded as a positive development that there was a will to get together and talk over Asian problems.

He advocated the admission of Communist China to the United Nations since only if the People's Republic of China were a member could Asian problems be solved.

Commenting on the Balkan pact between Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey, President Tito said these regional pacts were the "most useful" form of alliances. General and far-reaching security agreements were increasing the tendency to split the world into two hostile camps.—Reuter.

"Timely Opposition To McCarthy"

Washington, Mar. 22.—Democratic and Republican Senators joined today in opposing an attempt by Senator Joseph McCarthy to raise, at a meeting of the Senate appropriations sub-committee, the case of a newspaperman allegedly guilty of espionage.

Senator Allen Ellender, Democrat, Louisiana, and Senator Pat McCarran, Democrat, Nevada, reminded the Communist-hunting Republican chairman of the Senate investigation sub-committee that this meeting was to discuss budgetary questions and not espionage.

The appropriations sub-committee Chairman, Senator Everett Dirksen, Republican, Illinois, said his Democratic colleagues' remark was "very timely."—France-Press.

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Car Prices Cut To Meet German Competition

London, Mar. 23.—Reductions in export prices of Ford cars to meet foreign competition, "particularly German," are announced today.

The reductions, which are on passenger cars only, range from 25 on the small Anglia model to 232 on the larger cars—the Zephyr and Zodiac models.

The basic price of these models before the new reductions were: Anglia £280, Zephyr six saloon £532, Zephyr convertible £577.

Announcing the reductions, the Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of the Ford Company, Sir Patrick Hennessey, said: "The development of foreign competition, particularly German, has been increasingly evident in recent months and these price reductions are designed to provide the necessary help to our associates overseas to meet such competition.—Reuter.

Crops Destroyed By Rats

Natives Forced To Live On Poisonous Plants

Manila, Mar. 22.—Yams, narcotic betel nuts and bleached poison roots was the starvation diet today for the primitive mountain people in Cotabato Province whose meagre crops have been destroyed by rats.

Of all the people to be hit by the rat scourge in the largest province of Mindanao Island the "Belaans" have suffered the most. The simple hill people, original Malayan occupants of Mindanao Island and later slaves of the Moro (Moslem) invaders, lead a semi-nomadic agricultural existence in the mountains. Their small plots of rice and corn in the lower slopes of the mountains were ravaged last Autumn by waves of rats rose from the Liguasan marshes.

This village, located high in the jungle-clad hills around the Kerenad Valley, presents a clear and grim picture of the life the friendly but hunger-wracked "Belaans" lead.

Their homes of bamboo flooring, topped with thatched roofs, are scattered around a green valley in the tops of the hills. They are bare of furnishings, containing only an iron cooking pot and a few small possessions such as knives. The grimy children, their stomachs swollen with malaria and worms, run through the grass in ragged jackets or in nothing at all.

About 80 families of 400 people live in this general area but no one knows how many "Belaans" live in the hills. Until the supply of yam-like vegetables ran out recently they lived on one of these a day.

After eating it, when the sun was overhead, many of the pagan tribesmen and women would chew betel nut until they felt asleep, their hunger pangs temporarily forgotten in a narcotic haze.

Brother Felix, wearing a jaunty baseball cap and army boots, his white cassock tucked up around his waist, makes the long climb about twice a week to give any help he can. Although they have no religion and do not have a word for God the Belaans have become fond of Brother Felix. They call him the "great white bird."

Brother Felix has started a small school among the villagers here. Some of the children can now speak their name and age in English.—United Press.

Royal Dutch And Shell Lose "IC-Plus" Case

The Hague, Mar. 22.—The Dutch operating company of the Royal Dutch Shell group and the Shell Company itself today lost a joint court action aimed at stopping the Caltex Oil Company from using the "IC-Plus" in its advertising.

The Bataafsche Petroleum Company—which operates a large refinery near Rotterdam—and Shell were ordered to pay costs.

Oil companies have been waging an "advertisement war" in Dutch and other newspapers advertising ingredients used to boost their petrol's efficiency.

BPM Shell used the tag "ICA" and Caltex "IC-Plus."

The President of the Court ruled that ICA meant nothing more than "ignition control additive" and could not be regarded as a copyright trade mark.—Reuter.

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Ordained Before Death

Oakland, Mar. 22. A Buddhist monk visited Osaka Prison to ordain ten prisoners sentenced to death, one of them a woman.

The prisoners went through their initiation ceremonies in the prison chapel with the monk chanting prayers and touching the heads of each with a golden razor.

A prison official said the main reason the prisoners had become priests was because they wished to be at ease when they died on the gallows.

The woman, Hiroko Yamamoto, 38, is the only woman ever sentenced to death in Japan. — China Mail Special.

Middle-East Pacts

Egypt Warns America

Cairo, Mar. 22. Egypt warned the United States today it "would regard as unacceptable the conclusion of bilateral defence pacts in the Middle East."

In an interview with the US Ambassador, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Fawzi, protested against a possible extension of the Turkey-Pakistan Pact to one of the Arab States.

After the interview — reportedly requested by Mr. Caffery — an Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman said Egypt could not allow her position to be weakened.

"Bilateral agreements concluded for defence purposes with Middle East countries would tend to weaken the Egyptian position and we cannot therefore accept them," the spokesman said.

Authoritative sources said that among other matters discussed at the interview were the protest notes exchanged between London and Cairo on incidents in the Suez Canal zone.

Earlier today Mr. Caffery had seen the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, to discuss what an American Embassy spokesman described as "current events." — France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
1. Introduction (8).
 2. Support (4).
 3. Recuse (8).
 4. Sounded (8).
 5. Border (4).
 6. Suggested (8).
 7. Gifted (8).
 8. Rope fibre (4).
 9. Consoling (8).
 10. Servant (8).
 11. Blacking (4).
 12. Demur (8).
- DOWN
1. Hasten (4).
 2. Intelligence (4).
 3. Regrets (4).
 4. Greedy (4).
 5. Mixture (8).
 6. Follow (8).
 7. Small pieces of turf (8).
 8. Horizontal (8).
 9. Weir (8).
 10. Inexpensive (8).
 11. Drawing-room (8).
 12. Exclude (8).
 13. Severe (8).
 14. Companions (8).
 15. Sediment (4).
 16. Departed (4).
 17. Press (4).
 18. Crew (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Moral, 4. Pupil, 7. Complete, 8. Lapse, 9. Select, 11. Endured, 13. Refuse, 16. Tossed, 18. Freed, 19. Alusion, 20. Loden, 21. Dangle, 22. Deyaz, 1. Mocks, 2. Ample, 3. Shiller, 4. Pooled, 5. Freques, 6. Legend, 10. Lamented, 12. Netted, 13. Bath, 14. Ordinal, 15. Apsis, 17. Dunes.

WASHINGTON REPORT SAYS:

Special Treatment For Japanese Affected By Burns

Washington, Mar. 22. The United States plans to compensate the 23 Japanese fishermen burned with radio-active dust of the March 1 hydrogen bomb test and the owners of their vessel regardless of the ship's location at the time of the explosion, informed American officials said today.

Up to now, these officials maintained that compensation would be paid only in the event that the vessel, the Fukuryu Maru, was not in the area barred to commercial shipping during the trial.

Japanese authorities claimed the ship's log showed it was 14 miles outside the danger zone but the United States does not regard this information as conclusive and is carrying on an independent investigation.

High officials now feel how- ever they want to compensate the Japanese for their difficulties notwithstanding the outcome of the investigation which may be months away.

"We are not going to wait any longer," one official told the United Press. "We are prepared to compensate these people for their suffering and losses regardless of what the investigation may show."

He said that the American Embassy and the Department of State would be in touch with the Japanese Government to appraise the damages and reach a fair estimate.

Officials took strong exception to Tokyo news reports that American medical teams were using the fishermen as "guinea pigs" instead of curing them.

One official noted that members of the American Atom Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima were actually participating in the treatment of the fishermen notwithstanding an agreement with Japanese medical authorities to engage primarily to research rather than clinical work.

The health director of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. Merrill Eisenbud, who is now in Tokyo, will also offer his medical services to the injured, the official said.—United Press.

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Suspicion Over NATO Official's Visit To Rabat

Rabat, Mar. 22. The Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces in South-East Europe, Admiral William Fechteler, arrived here today on a ten-day fact-finding tour as a storm of comment broke in France that the United States had demanded control of French North African air bases.

The influential Paris newspaper Le Monde ran a two-column front page story saying Admiral Fechteler's visit was only the prelude to U.S. pressure for negotiations aimed at taking control of Moroccan and Tunisian air bases from France.

Admiral Fechteler, who is also U. S. Sixth Fleet commander in Naples, was the author of a strategy report urging that the United States retire to a peripheral defence on the Mediterranean shores if France refused to ratify the EDC, the paper said.

Le Monde said the U.S. was worried by the "admittedly insufficient" air defences of French North Africa and especially wanted the use of the Mers el Kebir bases outside Oran and the Bizerte base in Tunisia.

The scarcity of radar equipment and anti-aircraft guns, plus the fact that French planes probably would be rushed to Europe in case of aggression in France, have led Washington to push the plan for transfer of the bases, according to the paper.—United Press.

FIRST VISIT

Paris, Mar. 22. A well-informed Allied source here said today that the visit of Admiral William Fechteler to North Africa was the first he had made in this region since taking over his command.

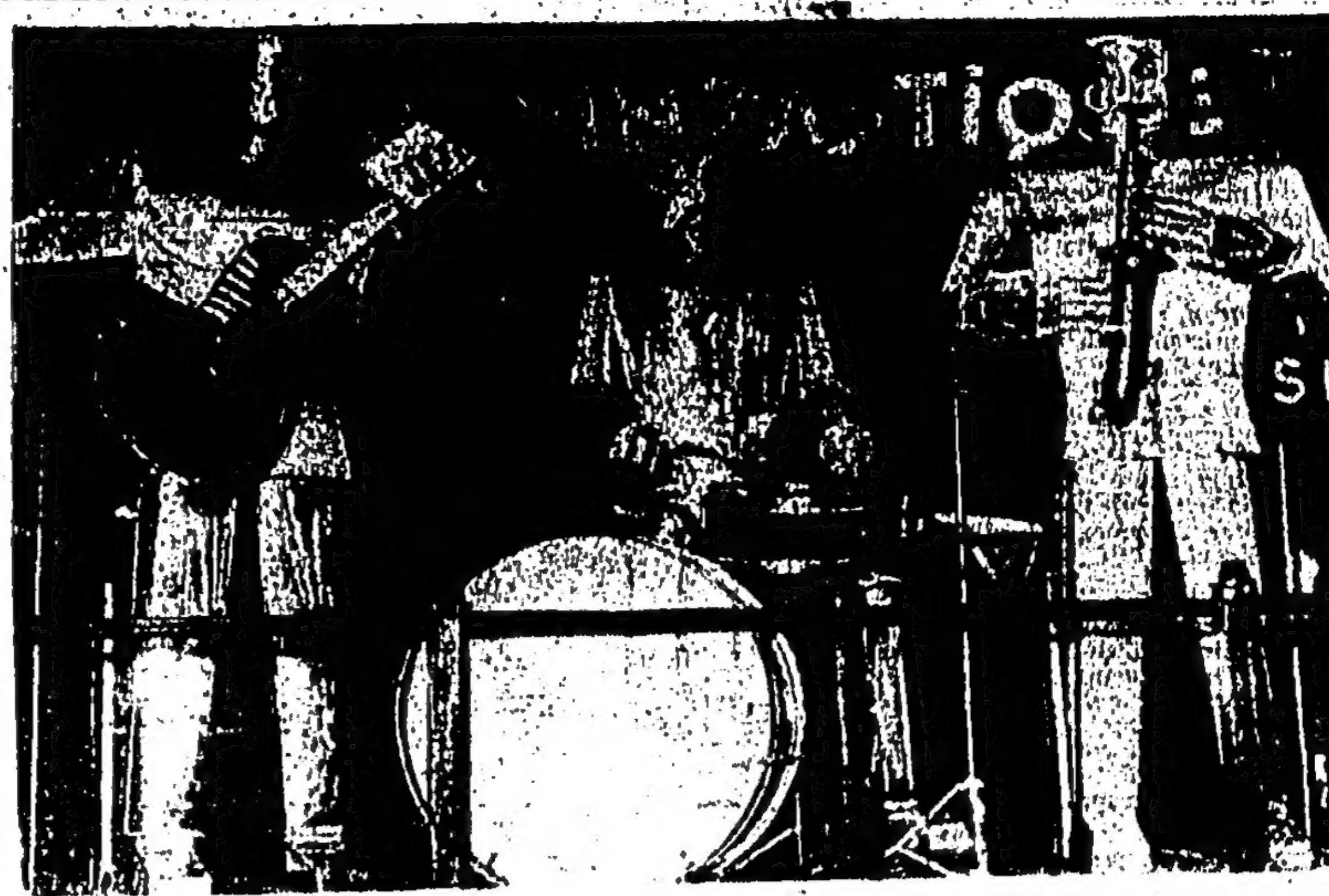
This source stressed that the trip was made on the invitation of the French Government and was for the purpose of collecting information and not for negotiations.

On this point it was stated that the general agreement made between the NATO countries allows for the mutual use of naval and air bases.

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Closing Speeches In Trial Of Lord Montagu

London, Mar. 22. Michael Pitt-Rivers, 37-year-old farmer cousin of Lord Montagu of Beaulieu denied "absolutely" at Winchester Assizes today that he had had homosexual relations with a 21-year-old airman.

Asked if he considered that evidence of the airman John Reynolds was untrue and that Reynolds was lying, Pitt-Rivers replied: "His evidence is totally untrue."

He is charged with Lord Montagu, 27, and Peter Wildeblood, 30, of conspiring to incite two airmen, Reynolds and 25-year-old Corporal Edward McNally, to commit homosexual offences and gross indecency.

They are charged individually with a total of 17 other homosexual offences.

All three have pleaded not guilty and have claimed in evidence that Reynolds and McNally, the two chief prosecution witnesses, have lied.

The cross-examination of Pitt-Rivers continued today at the opening of the sixth day of the trial in the huge Mediaeval Hall here.

He told the court he only learned of Reynolds' "unusual habits" since criminal proceedings had been in progress.

He said he had allowed Reynolds to stay a weekend at his London flat in November 1952. But he was embarrassed to receive a letter from Reynolds later, beginning "Dearest Michael" and decided he would not want him to come again.

PERFECTLY NORMAL

During that weekend "I do not think I saw very much of him," Pitt-Rivers declared today. "Until I got this letter there was no indication of affectionate terms at all."

He said it was "absolutely untrue," he was "lying to save his own skin."

Pitt-Rivers said he had had "perfectly normal love affairs with women" in his life. He had intended to get married when his farming venture was firmly established.

Defence of all three accused was completed after Pitt-Rivers ended his evidence.

The prosecutor, Mr. G. D. Roberts, began his closing speech to the jury.

The prosecution alleged today that lawyers defending the three men had not called key witnesses because their testimony would not support the defence case.

"No explanation at all has been given to you for the absence of these witnesses," Mr. G. D. Roberts said in the prosecution's closing speech to the all male jury.

CONCLUSIVE CASE

Lord Montagu had denied going into a bedroom with Reynolds but no one had been called to support this evidence, Mr. Roberts said.

All the circumstances of the association between McNally and Wildeblood and the letters made an "overwhelming and conclusive case," he submitted.

It was difficult to find a common link between airman Reynolds and Pitt-Rivers, the respected County Councillor, Mr. Roberts declared.

Now It's A Robot Orchestra!



French musicians who went to see this robot orchestra, invented by M. Zenon Specht, of Belgium, playing in one of the large Paris shops, are now asking themselves if they will one day be replaced by robots such as these. The orchestra comprises a guitarist, a drummer and a saxophone player, who has bellows instead of lungs inside his metal body.—Express Photo.

Americans In China

US May Seek Their Release At Geneva

Washington, Mar. 22. The United States may press Communist China directly at the forthcoming Geneva conference to release some 100 Americans held on the Chinese mainland, officials said today.

If this occurs, it apparently would be the first direct US diplomatic negotiation with representatives of the Chinese Communist Government.

Previous repeated efforts to free the Americans have been made through foreign diplomats because the United States does not recognise the Communist regime.

Officials said the matter is under active consideration by the State Department, but no final decision has been made.

If the United States should decide to bring up the subject at Geneva, it would give priority to about 32 of the Americans who now are in jail or under house arrest.

The others are not imprisoned but have been unable to get out of Communist China.

The 32 Americans include two reporters Richard Applegate of National Broadcasting Corporation and Donald Dixon of International News Service.

Applegate and Dixon were captured with US merchant marine captain Ben Krasser a year ago while cruising on a yacht near Hongkong.—United Press.

Comets Resuming

London, Mar. 22. Britain's Comet jetliners will restart passenger services between London and South Africa tomorrow after a 10-week suspension that has cost their operators £500,000.

The Comet fleet of the British Overseas Airways Corporation was withdrawn from service for inspection after a Comet crashed in the Mediterranean near Elba on January 10 with the loss of all 35 people on board.

The first Comet will leave London airport for Johannesburg tomorrow at 1330 GMT.

Comet services on other routes — to Pakistan, India, Ceylon, Singapore and Japan — will be re-opened soon.—Reuter.

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UN Report Says:

Animals Can Pass On More Than 80 Diseases To Humans

Geneva, Mar. 22. Domestic and wild animals can transmit more than 80 diseases to man, according to the United Nations World Health Organisation.

But only five of the diseases, grouped under the general classification of Zoonoses, are widespread in Europe. They are bovine tuberculosis, brucellosis, leptospirosis, Q-fever and rabies.

These five are the subject of a 278-page booklet just published here by the Health Organisation with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation.

An introduction states: "The prevention and eradication of zoonoses in human beings can be accomplished in large part by control of these diseases in animals, so that it is natural for public health officials to give every assistance, moral, financial, scientific and educational, to agricultural authorities in carrying out animal-disease-control programmes."

Such assistance could take the form of financial subsidies, the fostering of research and popular education in control of the diseases, it declares.

The following is a summary of some major points in the booklet dealing with the five zoonoses most widespread in Europe:

Bovine tuberculosis: This disease seems to be more serious in man than has been generally believed. In some countries it represents as much as 100 per cent or more of all human tuberculosis.

It can be caught by drinking raw milk from infected animals. The germs can also be breathed in, and children on farms are frequently infected in this way. Direct contact infection also occurs.

Compulsory pasteurisation of all milk products is the first line of defence for the general population.

It is a common fallacy that goats are resistant to tuberculosis.

ERADICATION

The bases for a successful eradication programme are: Government co-operation for the slaughter of infected animals, premiums on milk from non-infected herds, and co-operation of the farmers, achieved through an intense and continuous educational campaign. The financial and moral assistance of public health authorities may also be enlisted.

Brucellosis: This disease is also known as melitococcus, undulant fever, Malta fever and Bang's disease. It is very frequent among cows, pigs, goats and sheep. Other animals which may be infected include horses, camels, rabbits, hares, chamois and deer.

It is usually transmitted to man either by direct contact with the animal or through consumption of raw milk or fresh cheese. Air-borne infection also occurs.

Although the disease is not usually fatal to man, it causes serious disorders which confine people to bed for long periods. Among animals, it causes serious economic losses through abortion, sterility and hence reduction of meat and milk production.

Leptospirosis: This is also known as marsh fever and seven-day fever. It is a serious infection, sometimes fatal. The parasites, of which several types are found in rodents, are transmitted to man through stagnant water and sometimes even water in swimming pools. It may also be contracted by man anywhere where rodents live and multiply, in sewers, mills, slaughter houses or cheese factories.

The disease is also found in pigs, horses, dogs, cattle and the smaller animals, and constitutes a serious problem in rice-growing areas, where it is recognised as an occupational disease.

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Are Women Frail? Well, Here Is Anna Beker's Story

New Orleans. Anna Beker, 36, set out on horse back in the Argentine more than three years ago to ride to Canada to disprove the idea of the "frailty of women." She has arrived in New Orleans undaunted.

Along the route she became embroiled in a civil war in Colombia, was robbed at gunpoint by three bandits in Mexico, and hit by a lorry in Bolivia.

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THE CITY OF THE ATOM WANTS A BEAUTY PARLOUR

By JOHN McKENNA

WANTED: A beauty parlour—for Uranium City, last resting place of the dangerous Dan McGrews.

Yes, civilisation has come to the frontier of the Arctic, the sweeping tundra of ice, wind and uranium. Two years ago this was a shanty town of corrugated iron shacks, tents and pasteboards. Today, it is a booming city bent on a clean-up.

Broad new streets have replaced the dog tracks, cosy homes are taking over from the shacks, and dapper citizens have driven the Dangerous Dan out to a new wilderness.

There are seven restaurants, a hotel with gleaming chrome bar, rows of shops, taxis, a theatre and a dance hall.

And the ladies want a beauty parlour.

THERE WAS NOTHING

Before the prospectors came, there was nothing. The country had been written off as a dead loss.

Written off, that is, by everyone but that tiny band of rough, tough men to whom Canada's frontiers always mean the chance of wealth—men who are as handy with a Geiger counter as they are with a pick and shovel, as much at home in Toronto's slums as

in the frozen wastes of the Northwest. Up here, they struck it lucky—a wide, rich belt of uranium, the raw stuff for atom bombs and atomic factories.

They came by scores, closely followed by the ever-present Government surveyors and the fur-clad Mounties, who see to it that claims are decided according to the law of the land and not according to the old-time Klondike law of the six-shooter.

FROM ALL OVER

Then came the Government's development men, tons of machinery and equally hardy citizens who build the towns of the frontier.

They came from all over the world: Canadians, Englishmen, Irish, Ukrainians, Frenchmen, Italians, mingled on equal terms. Hard terms, dictated by the climate, allow little time for quarrels, the boom spells ruin to the doubtful.

Most of them came broke. Many of them are now rich. Take 32-year-old Louis Burke, for instance. A strapping Pole with a smile a mile wide and a beard as red as the Kremlin's flag, he landed in Canada after seven years of service with Allied air forces.

He didn't want to settle down. So he hit for the north. When he got wind of uranium, he hopped a plane for northern Saskatchewan. Now he's president of a mining company.

Aim at everybody here, in fact, is a big, thrush-like mining company. The favourite pastime is not leaving dice—it's playing the

stock market. One Swiss immigrant made \$100 over night. He flew home for a holiday—then came back to try his luck again.

In between, they are just ordinary citizens with a pride in their community.

They have a sense of the fitness of things, too.

When they came to lay out their main streets, they called one Nuclear Avenue, the other Fission Street.

Now the town's two newspapers are busy campaigning to have the town officially named a city. They want prestige and an official name.

It will come, of course. One day, Uranium City is sure to be a bustling metropolis.

And, by the way, if you don't want to go into the beauty parlour business, the town also needs a chemist's shop (you'll have to call it "Drug Store" and put in a soda fountain), a shoe repair shop and a dry cleaner's. Like to try your luck?



"SHE LOVES ME, SHE LOVES ME NOT—"

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Concluding the Adventure of the Gold Hunter

Lestrade Hurled Himself On The Young Man

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

Squire Trelawney has been killed mysteriously after disinheriting his niece, Miss Dolores Dale, who kept house for him, in favour of Dr Paul Griffin, a local medical man. Miss Dale is engaged to Mr Jeffrey Ainsworth. She has also shown active dislike for Dr Griffin, who is now under suspicion of murder. Holmes has been brought into the case at the request of the Rev. James Appley, uncle of Dr Griffin. After hearing the story of the night of the murder, Holmes and the others go to the dead man's house.

PART THREE

I WOULD have spoken, but he hurried past us swiftly and silently with no more than a curt gesture toward the stairs. On the upper landing Lestrade led the way into a bedroom with massive dark furniture that loomed up gloomily in the light of a shaded lamp burning on a table beside a great open

But, Holmes, it is only a small pot of Vaseline such as you may buy at any chemist's!"

"ON THE contrary, it is a hang-man's rope. And yet, he finished thoughtfully, "there remains that

one point which continues to puzzle me. How was it that you were able to avail yourself of Sir Leopold Harper's?"

"No, he is staying with some friends in the neighbourhood. When the post-mortem was decided on, the local police looked upon it as a bit of luck that the best-known expert in England on medical jurisprudence should be within reach, so they sent for him. And a fine time they had to get him to do it, he added with a grim grin.

"Why?"

"Holmes, it is the dead man's gold watch! It lies upon that little table there, and it is still ticking."

"Does that astonish you?"

"Surely, after three days, they would have allowed it to run down."

"So they did. But I wound it up. I came up here before I examined the dead man down stairs. In fact, I made this whole journey from the village to wind up Squire Trelawney's watch at precisely ten o'clock."

"Upon my word, Holmes—"

"And see," he continued, hastening to the small table in question, "what a treasure-trove we have here! Look at this, Lestrade! Look at it!"

"My case is complete," he cried.

Lestrade and I looked at each other in amazement.

"I have only one more instruction to give," said Holmes.

"Lestrade, nobody must leave this house tonight. The diplomacy of detaining everyone here I leave to you. Watson and I will compose ourselves in this room until five o'clock tomorrow morning."

It was in vain, considering his masterful nature, to ask why we must do this. While he settled into the only rocking-chair, it was in vain to protest that I could not even sit down on the dead man's bed, much less take a brief nap there, I objected for some time. I objected until—

"Watson!"

Cleaving through my dreams, that voice aroused me from slumber. I sat bolt upright on the quilt feeling much dishevelled, with the morning sun in my eyes and the dead man's watch still ticking near my ear.

Shocked, Holmes, with his customary callous neatness of appearance, stood watching me. "It is ten minutes past five," said he, "and I felt I had best awaken you. Ah, Lestrade," he continued, "there came a Vaseline, "I were first supply to knock at the door. I trust that the others are with you. Pray come in."

I bounded off the bed as Miss Dale entered the room followed



The NEW
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SHERLOCK
HOLMES

by ... Adrian
Conan Doyle
and John
Dickson Carr

by Dr Griffin, young Ainsworth and to my astonishment, the Vicar.

"Really, Mr Holmes," cried Dolores Dale, her eyes sparkling with anger. "It is intolerable that a mere whim should keep us here all night—even poor Mr Appley."

"It was no whim, believe me. I wish to explain how the late Mr. Trelawney was cold-bloodedly murdered."

"Murdered, eh?" blurted out Dr. Griffin. "Then inspect Lestrade wants to hear you. But the method—"

"Was diabolical in its simplicity. Dr. Watson here was shrewd enough to call my attention to it. No, Watson, not a word! Mr Appley gave us the clue when he said that if he had practised medicine he might absent-mindedly have removed the patient's gall-stones. But that was not all he said. He stated that first he would have chloroformed the patient. The suggestive word was chloroform."

"Chloroform!" echoed Dr. Griffin, rather wildly.

"Exactly. It might well suggest itself to the murderer since only last year, in a famous murder trial at the Old Bailey, Mrs. Adelaide Bartlett was acquitted from a charge of poisoning her husband by pouring liquid chloroform down his throat as he lay asleep."

"But, deuce take it! Trelawney swallowed no chloroform!"

"Of course not. But suppose, Dr. Griffin, I were to take a large pad of cotton-wool saturated in chloroform and press it over the mouth and nostrils of an old man—a heavily sleeping man—for some twenty minutes. What would happen?"

"He would die. Yet you could not do that without leaving traces!"

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RECORD HEAVE



This picture was snapped as the 16-pound shot had left Chan Wai-chuen's hand on its way to a new Colony record of 12 feet 9 1/4 inches. The South China athlete is competing for Hongkong at the Asian Games in Manila in May.—China Mail Photo.

Gonzales The Best Tennis Player In The World Today, Don Budge Says

Augusta, Georgia, Mar. 22.

Retiring tennis star Don Budge said today that fellow professional Richard (Pancho) Gonzales "looks like the best player in the world right now."

Budge, who announced yesterday that he was stepping out of the Jack Kramer professional troupe to return to his job at the Town Tennis Club in New York, is in a good position to know.

He said that he has only won one of 48 singles and double matches since he has been with the tour and "I'm just about convinced that the competition is too hot for me now."

The former amateur, who won the United States and Wimbledon singles crown in 1937-38 and also took the doubles title with Gene Mako, those same years, said that Gonzales, United States Singles Champion in 1948-49, has "an overpowering serve."

"Most people overlook how good he and Francisco Segura are because they joined the tour when Kramer was the best and he beat them regularly. But right now I'd say Gonzales is the best in the world."

EAGERNESS TO WIN
Budge said he thought that the "eagerness to win" is the younger players' strength. He said that he and Segura would defend their world professional doubles title at Wimbledon.—United Press.

Budge, who will be resident professional and manager of the Town Tennis Club, said that he would play in a tournament "here and there just to keep my hand in."

"I think I can still play well enough to give the younger fellows a pretty stiff game," he added that he and Segura would defend their world professional doubles title at Wimbledon.—United Press.

Flat Racing Season Opens In England

Lincoln, Mar. 22.

The 1954 flat racing season opened here today in spring-like weather. It was the first of 394 meetings comprising over 2,300 races to be staged in Britain between now and November. It is the biggest programme ever in the history of the British turf.

A fair sized crowd saw the first race, an apprentices' handicap, won by six-to-one chance Star Oodoo, ridden by 17-year-old Scottish lad Tommy Bryson. Bryson was thrown at the start but he remounted and rode a great finish to beat the favourite by a head.

Favourite backers had their only success in the second event won by two-year-old Little Rabbit at 11 to 1. Sir Gordon Richards' first mount of the season, Pearn, was second.

Douglas Smith, runner-up to Sir Gordon in the Jockeys' Championship last season, made a good start with a double on Mita (five to two) and Royal Orchids (100 to 6). A big gamble on an Irish horse, John Ford, went astray in the Greatwell Plate over seven furlongs. Backed from four to one to odds on favourite he was left at the start and tailed in last amid some booing.—Reuter.

PANDEMONIUM SHATTERED THE SIESTA

Entroncamento, Portugal, Mar. 22.

Pandemonium shattered the siesta in peaceful little Entroncamento as a referee and two line-men drove through the town chased by howling soccer fans in a second car. Police pulled up the first car but the three men, escaping from a Second Division match in the area, asked to be allowed to continue when the second car arrived to a stop and the jumped angry members of a supporters' club. Police struggled to hold on to the supporters while they let the referee's car make a safe getaway.—China Mail Photo.

AU CHI-YIN SCORES A DOUBLE HAT-TRICK AGAINST MANILA

By I. M. MacTAVISH

When the memory of this uneven encounter is long forgotten I am sure that the magnificent double hat-trick by spring heeled Au Chi-yin will be recalled among football men in the Colony. The little policeman had the 'Midas Touch' as far as goals were concerned and he got at least three that were real 18 carat affairs.

But Au Chi-yin, goalkeeper Campos, and Tomlinson's brilliant goal apart, there is little that will be remembered about this game unless it is the astonishing superiority of the local boys even though they were playing for three-quarters of the game with only 10 men. This was due to the retirement of Fong Sai-chow in the 25th minute of the game after he had received a nasty facial injury.

In the early part of this game it was only the superlative work of young Campos in the Manila goal that stopped the score from getting out of respectable proportions. This youngster handled the ball in the air with great skill and certainty and with decent covering from the men in front he might have managed to keep the score down even further.

If the Manila defenders had had dreams last night then you can be sure that the latest thing in double acts — Santos and Au Chi-yin — was in the feature spot. It was a case of Santos putting the ball into the

middle, and Au Chi-yin putting it into the net. It worked three times and the defender had no answer to the combination.

TWO STAND OUT

Two goals came out of this multi-goal game where Santos came thick and fast. To Alan Tomlinson goes the honour for the first of these. It came in the 20th minute of the game and put his side four goals in the lead.

Collecting the ball near the touchline he worked his way along the byline when about eight yards out he swerved to his left to what appeared to be the ideal position to centre the ball; friend and foe alike obviously thought that this was his intention, but seeing a narrow opening the diminutive winger suddenly let go a fast-swinging shot which screwed away into the corner of the net to the astonishment of both the attackers and the defenders clustered in the goalmouth.

The other outstanding goal was scored by Au Chi-yin in the second half when he clipped a brilliant shot over his shoulder and into the back of the net beyond the clawing fingers of Campos.

The referee gave a very delayed penalty decision in Hongkong's favour in the 10th minute of the game and Tse Kam-ho showed no similar hesitation as he blasted the spot kick into the net. This goal put the locals two up and they never looked in any danger of losing their lead.

The Manila side fought with greater determination in the second half when they brought in a couple of substitutes, but while one could not but admire the endeavour of players like Gonzalez, Razon, Alvarez, Garcia and Pacheco there is no doubt that the team is being outclassed by the local players.

They lack the soccer intuition of natural footballers and their sense of position is uncertain. They are terribly keen, however, and it is obvious that they all want to do well, but they do not measure up to the real standards of first class football as played here.

In the local side Pau King-yin did what little he had to do with skill and confidence. Lau Chi-ping and Riley were sound backs with Santos far and away the best half-back and.

Lo Shiu-lun, who started at inside-left, moved to centre-half when Fong Sai-chow was injured and he did his job well. The forward line got a lot of room in which to work and every man made a worthwhile contribution to the victory.

For Manila Campos was early the outstanding keeper. Dauden, Garcia, Alvarez, Gonzalez and Pacheco, who had the distinction of getting the first goal of the tour for his side when he headed a Gonzalez cross into the net in the sixth minute of the second half, were the ones who caught the eye most.

Verdict: The very small crowd was a clear indication of what the local football throngs thought about this game but there were periods of interest and nine goals stopped the proceedings from becoming dreary. Super-sixer Au Chi-yin gets a special doff of the hat for his top performance.

THE TEAMS

Manila: Campos; Dauden, Benito; Garcia, Alvarez, Codinez, Castillo, Vincente, Pacheco, Gonzalez, Razon, (Garcia) and Heredia came in for Benito and Codinez in the second half.)
Hongkong Selection: Pau King-yin (South China); Lau Chi-ping (South China); Riley (Police); Martin (RAF), Fong

Sai-chow (Eastern Santos (Prisons); Tomlinson (RAF), Moss (Police), Au Chi-yin (Police), Lo Shiu-lun (Police), Tse Kam-ho (Eastern).

England Saved From A Follow-on

Port of Spain, Mar. 22.

Freddie Trueman and Brian Statham, the last wicket pair, today saved England from a follow-on by taking the first innings total to 587 — five runs more than needed to make the West Indies, who made 681 for eight declared, bat again.

West Indies took the new ball soon after tea, and when Lock was out leg before at 510 England still needed 22 to avert a follow-on.

Ten runs later Lakor was struck in the eye by a bumper from King and left the field with blood pouring from the wound. He went to hospital to have stitches inserted.

In 12 minutes before the close the West Indies scored five runs for the loss of no wicket.

Dennis Compton completed his first Test century since his 112 against South Africa at Nottingham in 1951 in this morning's play. His chances in the last minutes of the first innings had then lasted four hours 38 minutes and he had hit 11 fours. He and Tom Graveney had taken their fifth wicket stand to 99 at the lunch interval.

John Holt, the West Indies batsman, was in hospital over the week-end for treatment for asthma and will take no further part in the match. Jeff Stollmeyer, nursing an injured finger, was also absent and the West Indies captaincy was taken over by Frank Worrell.

THE SCOREBOARD

West Indies, 1st Innings, 681 for eight declared
England, 1st Innings

L. Hutton, c. Ferguson b. King	44
T. Bailey, c. Weekes b. Fergusson	40
P. May, c. Pairauden b. King	135
D. Compton, c. and b. Ramadhin	133
W. Watson, c. Atkinson b. Walcott	4
T. Graveney, c. and b. Walcott	92
R. Spooner, c. Walcott	19
A. Lock, lbw Worrell	7
F. Trueman, lbw b. King	10
B. Statham not out	6
Extras	22

Total 537
Fall of wickets: 1/73; 2/135; 3/301; 4/314; 5/424; 6/493; 7/408; 8/510; 9/637.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
King	48	16	87	3
Worrell	20	2	58	1
Ramadhin	34	13	74	1
Atkinson	32	12	60	0
Ferguson	47	17	155	1
Stollmeyer	6	2	10	0
Walcott	34	18	52	3

West Indies, 2nd Innings, 1 for 1
Pairauden, not out

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Trueman	2	1	1	0
Bailey	1	0	4	0

—Reuter.

AFTER A DEVASTATING LAST LAP SPRINT



The 5,000 Metres race at the Colony Championships would develop into a great duel between South China's Chan King-yin and RAF's Jack Wood. It was generally predicted. But there was a surprise packet in the race in the person of C. Grant who opened up on the 12th lap with a terrific sprint that saw him leave the others far behind. This picture was snapped very shortly after he collapsed at the finish, a Colony Champion.—China Mail Photo.

LEAGUE BADMINTON

Craigengower Qualify To Meet Chinese YMCA In Final Play-off

By "ARGONAUT"

Craigengower Cricket Club yesterday qualified to meet the defending champions, Chinese YMCA, in a final play-off for the Colony's top badminton team honours — the Men's "A" Division League.

Both teams completed their fixtures with one defeat each, sustained at each other's hands, and the final play-off is expected to be held on Tuesday, March 30, on a neutral court.

The Valley Club cleared their last hurdle towards the final in fine style by overcoming St. Teresa with a comfortable margin of 7-2 despite conceding a walkover in the last doubles match of the evening.

St. Teresa's only other win came in the opening singles match of the evening when the vastly improved "Junior" Pomeroy edged out a game D. C. Lau by 15-10.

Pomeroy's more forceful strokes from the backcourt and deadly crosscourt smashes enabled him to be always slightly in front of the Craigengower player.

Left-hander J. C. Koh stood up to Bill Funk point for point in the initial stages of the second singles match of the evening which was featured by some long rallies. From 9-5, however, Funk's greater steadiness and experience took him to 13-9 and to 15-9 after two changeovers of services.

Jimmy Khoo, the Craigengower third string, was given a stern tussle by schoolboy finalist E. Marquez-Lim before he was able to take his set by 15-10. The St. Teresa boy took an early 3-0 lead and was still ahead at 9-8 when Khoo broke through his opponent's defence with a brilliant spell of smashing to lead by 13-8 and eventually win the set by 15-10.

Displaying top form in the doubles, Craigengower increased their lead to 4-1 when R. Tay and D. C. Lau accounted for "Spud Motta" and J. C. Koh by 21-3 and Bill Funk and Wong Kai-cheong beat Pomeroy and Marquez-Lim by 21-6. D. C. Lau clinched the issue with a surprisingly easy 15-3 victory in the next singles match over J. C. Koh. Lau played like a book and scored frequently with fine drops and strong sideline smashes against an opponent who was visibly tired out by his earlier efforts.

BEST MATCH

The best match of the evening, however, was the return singles encounter between "Junior" Pomeroy and Bill Funk which saw Funk stone for his recent defeat at the hands of the

youngster with a hard-earned 18-14 triumph.

Pomeroy started well and built himself a substantial 4-0 lead. Funk's accurate stream of drops and lobs soon forced his opponent into a number of errors, especially at the net, and enabled him to gradually forge ahead to 13-7.

A bad slip on the floor and a weakening of his strokes at this stage nearly cost Funk the match as the St. Teresa boy fought back strongly to level the score at 13-13 and force the set to deuce.

Funk's greater steadiness at this exciting juncture and Pomeroy's inability to shake off his tendency during the night in overshooting his services over the baseline enabled Funk to take a commanding 17-13 lead.

Pomeroy was able to add only one point in the three ensuing services that he had and a weak net return gave Funk his set point.

In the other match at Recreo, the Chinese YMCA squad were given a strong challenge by Recreo until 3-3 when the Y's broke through the deadlock with a singles win by Ramon Young over Billy Soares and left their opponents by the wayside by capturing the remaining two doubles games of the evening.

THE RESULTS

Men's "A" Division
CCC 7, St Teresa 2

Singles

D. C. Lau (CCC) lost to Junior Pomeroy 10-15; beat J. C. Koh 15-3.

Bill Funk (CCC) beat Pomeroy 18-14; beat Koh 15-9. Jimmy Khoo (CCC) beat Ed Marquez-Lim 15-10.

Doubles

Robert Tay & D. C. Lau (CCC) beat Spuddy Motta & J. C. Koh 21-3; beat Junior Pomeroy & Ed Marquez-Lim 21-6.

Bill Funk & Wong Kai-cheong (CCC) beat Pomeroy & Marquez-Lim 21-6; lost to Motta & Koh 0-21 (walkover).

Recreo 3, Chinese YMCA 6

Singles
Francis Rozario (Recreo) beat W. F. Foo 16-5; lost to Ramon Young 8-15.

Billy Soares (Recreo) lost to Foo 11-15; lost to Young 3-15.

Bernard Brown (Recreo) beat Lam Ming-tak 15-2.

Doubles
Soares & H. F. Gonzales (Recreo) lost to Foo & Young 9-21; lost to W. C. Chung & Patrick Wong 11-21.

Brown & Rozario (Recreo) lost to Foo & Young 12-21; beat Chung & Wong 21-14.

LATEST STANDINGS

Men's "A" Division	P	W	L	F	Pts
CCC	0	5	1	35	10
CYMCA	0	6	1	34	20
St Teresa	0	1	5	20	34
Recreo	0	1	6	19	35

Tydam v Recreo.

OXFORD CREW SETS COURSE RECORD

London, Mar. 22.

The Oxford University boat race crew today set up a new record for the 1,254 yards stretch of the boat race course on the River Thames from Barnes Bridge to the winning post at Mortlake.

Their time was two minutes 54.5 seconds. The previous record of two minutes 56 seconds was made by the Cambridge crew in the 1948 race.

This year's race, the 160th, will be held on April 3. The race is over four miles 374 yards.—Reuter.

Malayan Shuttlers Swamp England

London, Mar. 22.

In a badminton match against Malaya today England failed to win a game and lost by seven rubbers to nil.

Among the results were: E.L. Choong and E.B. Choong beat J.R. Best and W.C. Shute 15-8; 15-8; beat A. D. Jordan and J.D. McCall 5-13, 15-7. Ooi Tok-hock and Ong Poh-lun beat Jordan and McCall 15-10, 15-5; beat Best and Shute 15-8, 15-13.—France-Press.



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Bobby Locke To Take One More Crack At The American Open

Johannesburg, S. Africa, Mar. 22.

Bobby Locke, triumphant after his 203 aggregate over the par 72 Kensington 6,702 yards course said today that he hopes to crown his career with a victory in the American Open.

He said he had decided to stay the next five years in the Union "but my old enthusiasm is back and I will have one more crack at the American Open."—United Press.

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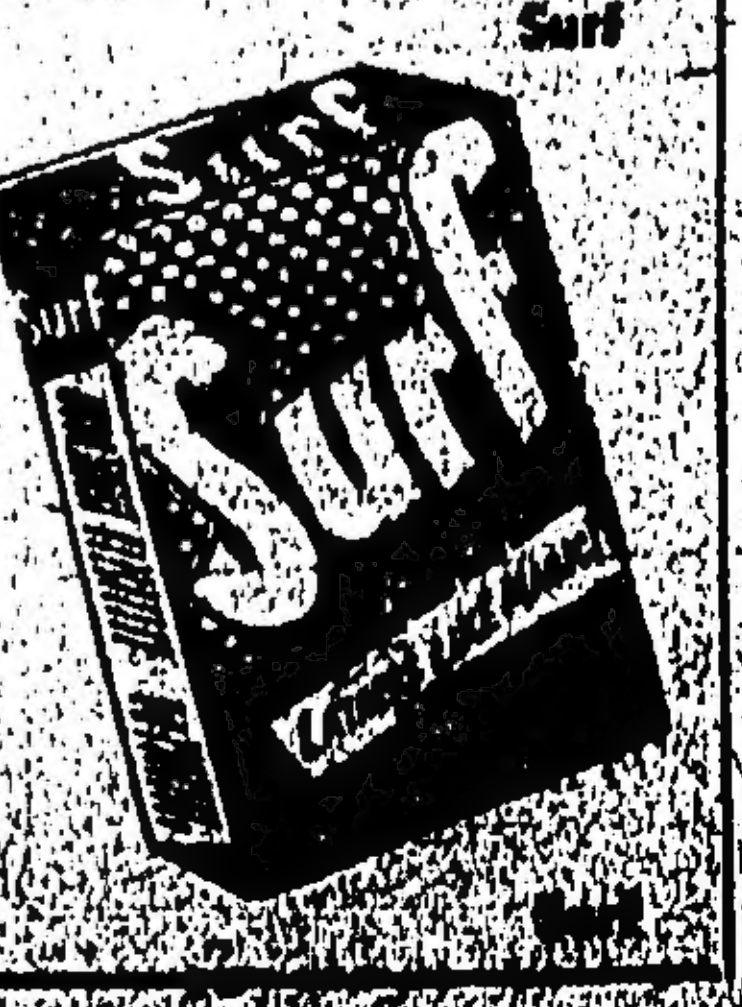
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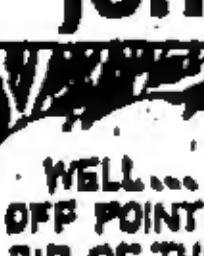
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Formosa, 6 p.m.

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Formosa, 1 p.m.

Macao, 2 p.m.

Burma, India, 3 p.m.

Malaya, Ceylon, Sweden, Mid-East, Great Britain and Europe, 2 p.m.

Macao, 6 p.m.

Snow Falls Near Melbourne

Melbourne, Mar. 23
With winter still two months away, snow fell within 50 miles of Melbourne yesterday.

Blizzards howled across the Victorian Alps, piling up snow drifts to a foot deep in some places. The temperature plunged below freezing point, 28 degrees.

In Melbourne, heating radiators were brought into action for the first time this year. The city's lowest temperature was 50 degrees after midnight. Chief Mail Officer

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